

Remarks

Claims 187, 188, 190-196 and 198-202 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 137-151, 204 and 206-208 are pending, and have been allowed.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph

Claims 187-188, 190-196 and 198-202 have been rejected for allegedly lacking enablement and written description. *See* pages 3-5 of the Office Action.

In response, while Applicants disagree and maintain that these claims fully complied with 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, claims 187-188, 190-196 and 198-202 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, thereby rendering the rejection of these claims moot. As such, Applicants request that this rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph be reconsidered and withdrawn.

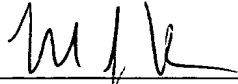
Conclusion

Entry of the above amendment is respectfully solicited. In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants believe that this application is now in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is urged. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the phone number provided below if any further action by Applicants would expedite the issuance of this application.

Finally, if there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 08-3425. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, such an extension is requested and the appropriate fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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